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Definition of problem – Kaggle Contest Entered

The Kaggle contest entered is the **MLSP 2014 Schizophrenia Classification Challenge** [1], although the competition is over it is still possible to submit work and receive an evaluation. My reasoning for picking this competition is that I wanted to study psychology and go into research particularly in dissociative disorders and schizophrenia, however due to personal circumstances at the time I went with engineering.

Today, I’m still interested in a PhD and have gained a different perspective I otherwise wouldn’t have had, one that sees that there are a lot of holes and short comings of traditional diagnosis of mental disorders such as D.I.D and schizophrenia. All of which hopefully can be dealt with machine learning (ML).

Some of these short comings are that there is no process to date that properly diagnoses D.I.D, despite it being acknowledged as a mental illness in the 1950s, research between then and now has been done but was later found to be fraudulent or difficult to reproduce.[2]

While remaining brief and acknowledging other issues that stem from the use of machine learning (ML), MRI and fMRI images can be fed to ML algorithms in order to be used as a tool that can help clinicians avoid misdiagnosis. Young girls tend to not be diagnosed with ADHD because it manifests differently [3], having a better system for such differences in mental health would help avoid undiagnosed patients in situations such as school performance.

Currently the best/popular go to method is MRI image classification as they are interpretable by clinicians and can be examined after a ML model points to one claiming “that one there seems off”, this is temporary solution to deep learning techniques being powerful for classification yet uninterpretable which is a huge deficit for application in healthcare. This is why, currently, I think ML will be another tool for diagnosis not a replacement or augmentation of existing methods.

Having said that, there are other areas such as using NLP for diagnosing the onset of Alzheimer’s disease [4].

This is where I want to step in, I want to spend time and develop skills and knowledge in machine learning, leveraging my engineering experience and move into ML in mental health, an area my workplace (IBM) is active in.

**This project hopefully will be an introduction to that, the dataset used in this project is in a different format.**

Justification – Model Configuration

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Local Evaluation – Evaluation Strategy

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Local Evaluation – Results Critique

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Kaggle – Performance Report

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To-do’s – Further work

<https://www.scribbr.com/dissertation/list-of-abbreviations/#:~:text=The%20list%20of%20abbreviations%20should,define%20abbreviations%20within%20the%20text>.

<https://www.kaggle.com/c/mlsp-2014-mri>

# References

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